

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
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**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original and first sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which patent protection is sought for the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING UNKNOWN MAGNETIC  
INK CHARACTERS**

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

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and was amended on

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following practitioners to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:  
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